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SUMMARY: VALUE OF NARCOTICS CONTROL TRAINING OF GERMAN PERSONNEL BY USG REPS HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY APPARENT DURING PAST YEAR. EMBASSY THEREFORE RECOMMENDS FUNDING FOR FOUR TWO-WEEK CUSTOMS AND FOUR TWO-WEEK DEA NARCOTICS CONTROL COURSES IN FRG DURING FY'76.

1. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, NARCOTICS CONTROL (ENFORCEMENT) TRAINING AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL WITHIN THE FRG IS DETERMINED BY THE PERMANENT WORKING GROUP-NARCOTICS. IT WAS THIS GROUP, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH AUTHORIZED AND REQUESTED THOSE U.S. CUSTOMS AND DEA TRAINING SCHOOLS WHICH WERE CONDUCTED IN GERMANY DURING FY'74 AND WHICH RECENTLY REQUESTED DEA TRAINING RE UNDERCOVER WORK TO BE CONDUCTED IN FY'75. (APPROVAL FOR THIS COURSE

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HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN.)

2. THE PERMANENT WORKING GROUP IS PRESENTLY REVIEWING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ALL FRG NARCOTICS CONTROL (ENFORCEMENT) TRAINING PROGRAMS; RECOMMENDATIONS RE NUMBER AND MAKE-UP OF FUTURE COURSES IS EXPECTED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. ALTHOUGH MEMBERS OF EMBASSY COUNTRY TEAM CANNOT DICTATE US PARTICIPATION IN OR THE CONTENT OF THESE COURSES, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE FY'76 FRG NARCOTICS CONTROL (ENFORCEMENT) TRAINING PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE AT LEAST THE SAME NUMBER OF U.S. CUSTOMS AND DEA TRAINING SCHOOLS CONDUCTED IN FY'74, I.S., FOUR TWO-WEEK CUSTOMS COURSES AND FOUR TWO-WEEK DEA COURSES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO URGE THAT PERMANENT WORKING GROUP- NARCOTICS INCLUDE THESE COURSES IN FUTURE TRAINING PROGRAMS.

3. PREVIOUS COURSES CONDUCTED BY DEA DND CUSTOMS PERSONNEL HAVE ALLOWED THE USG TO INCREASE THE FRG ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AWARENESS OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE WORLD-WIDE ILLICIT DRUG PROBLEM AND TO TRAIN THEM IN THE LATEST US DRUG ENFORCEMENT METHODOLOGY AND TECHNIQUES. THE VALUE OF SUCH TRAINING HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY APPARENT DURING THE PAST YEAR: EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING HAVE COMBINED TO RESULT IN A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL CASES BEING CONDUCTED BY GERMAN OFFICIALS WORKING ALONE OR IN TANDEM WITH DEA REPRESENTATIVES. FUTURE TRAINING OF GERMAN ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT CITY, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS BY USG PERSONNEL IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL IF THE EXPANDING NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT EFFORT IN GERMANY IS TO CONTINUE TO BEAR FRUIT. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN LIGHT OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF GERMAN POLICE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS CONTROL ENFORCEMENT WORK WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM DEA OR CUSTOMS TRAINING. EMBASSY THEREFORE RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT SUPPORT FUNDING FOR AT LEAST FOUR TWO-WEEK CUSTOMS AND FOUR TWO-WEEK DEA NARCOTICS CONTROL (ENFORCEMENT) COURSES TO BE CONDUCTED IN FRG DURING FY 1976. HILLENBRAND

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